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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, XF

SUBJ: RED SEA BLOCKADE

FOLLOWING SENT SANAA ADDIS ABABA LONDON NICOSIA MOGADISCIO
ASMARA FROM SECSTATE WASHDC 10 NOV 73:

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SUBJ: RED SEA BLOCKADE

1. EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY BEEN QUOTED IN PRESS
AS STATING THAT IT NEVER ANNOUNCED BLOCKADE AT BAB AL-
MANDEB. HOWEVER, TWO EGYPTIAN DESTROYERS, A FRIGATE, AND
TWO SUBMARINES HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN THE BAB AL-MANDEB
REGION AND REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN RESUPPLIED FROM MOGADISCIO.
ALTHOUGH THESE VESSELS HAVE NOT TAKEN ANY IDENTIFIABLE
HOSTILE ACTION AGAINST SHIPPING, FYI - WARSHIP WHICH FIRED
ACROSS BOW OF U.S. MERCHANT VESSEL LASALLE IN RED SEA ON
OCT. 24 NEVER IDENTIFIED END FYI, THE PRESENCE OF THESE
VESSELS HAS LED ISRAELIS TO REROUTE TANKERS DESTINED FOR
EILAT TO GO AROUND CAPE. FYI. LOSS OF ISRAELI TANKER
SIRIUS ON OCT. 26 NEAR STRAITS OF TIRAN WAS NOT CAUSED

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BY NAVAL ACTION BUT BY A MINE. END FYI.

2. WE HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE OF ANY YARG INVOLVEMENT IN
EGYPTIAN OPERATION. RUSH UNQUOTE RUSH

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